SOLITUDE AND PHYSICAL FITNESS

The loneliness of a long distance runner is exemplified by this early morning jogger. The picture was taken in Port Weller and the empty Welland Canal can be seen in the background. The canal has been closed since the official end of the shipping season Jan. 17. It will re-open for cargo and passengers in mid-April. Photo by John Dueck

Motion to remove SAC fails

By ANNA COLLINS

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) remained in office Feb. 5 after a general meeting called in response to a 500-name petition demanding its immediate resignation.

The petition, circulated by the Committee of Five, contained more than 500 names. It asked for the "immediate removal of the executive members" of SAC and that "a general meeting of the student body be held for the election of new officers."

An hour after it began, the meeting was adjourned with four people still waiting to discuss and bring motions. Jerry Dracz, SAC president, said they had to go "play hockey and if there was more discussion the student body could petition for another general meeting."

The cafeteria was two-thirds full and included students from the horticulture school and two busloads of nursing students. Throughout the meeting speakers were greeted with applause and cheers and sometimes, loud boos. Charges

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and counter-charges were made about everything from SAC incompetence to student apathy.

TWO MOTIONS

Two motions, both of which were defeated, were brought to the floor by Committee of Five members.

The first motion, read by John Kakuk, asked that the SAC term of office be changed from April 1—March 31 to Feb. 28—Feb. 28. The reason, he said, is that the present dates "don't allow enough time for members of council to get properly re-orientated and know the proper running of council." The subject was open for discussion.

Rick Ludlow, vice-president of finance read a prepared statement saying, "It has become apparent over the last couple of weeks that many of the students of Niagara College have lost confidence in the Student Aldministrative Council."

He said if the students felt "it best that we leave office" they would call for an election.student apathy was blamed for lack of support of SAC.

Rick said, about the future of

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NIAGARA COLLEGE of Applied Arts & Technology RESOURCE CENTRE

Survey asks students whether to sack fees

Niagara College students will have the chance to voice their opinion about the annual $35 student activity fee which is paid at registration.

Announced at the Feb. 5 general student meeting, the survey is scheduled to be circulated during the week of March 10. The survey will ask if the students wish to "continue with the present practice of a compulsory student activity fee payable to SAC" or instead that the fee "be voluntary for each student."

"The board makes the final decision," he said.

"There are a lot of implications. If the board decides on a voluntary fee, the Student Administrative Council may have very little income or perhaps, none at all."

Mr. Manera would like to see as much expression of public opinion as possible. Letters to the editor are encouraged and should be brought to the newsroom on the second floor of the Simcoe building.

The survey will be handled entirely by administration and will probably be carried out during classes.

"If there is any change at all it will be for the fall," Mr. Manera said. "There's no way anything can be done this year."

QUESTIONNAIRE

All full-time post-secondary students at Niagara College will be asked to complete the following survey in the very near future. This survey is being administered at the direction of the President of the College who will be making a recommendation to the Board of Governors on the subject of a student activity fee. If there is any change to the present practice, it will take effect on September 1, 1975.

All students are urged to become thoroughly familiar with all aspects of this issue before the survey is completed.

OPTION A

☐ That Niagara College continue with the present practice of a compulsory student activity fee payable to SAC.

OPTION B

☐ That Niagara College discontinue the present practice of a compulsory student activity fee and that the payment of such an activity fee to SAC be made voluntary for each student.

If you have selected Option A, do you wish the College Administration to:

A-1 ☐ Continue present practice of having no financial control over the activities of SAC (other than the requirement of a monthly financial statement, semi-annual audits, full disclosure of financial matters at at least two membership meetings per year)

OR

A-2 ☐ Exercise greater financial control, including the approval of all expenditures of funds by SAC.

Manera withholds funds, will wait for SAC budget

The second instalment of Student Administrative Council (SAC) funds —about $35,000—is being withheld until the council presents a balanced budget in writing.

A.S. Manera, college president, said, "It is a temporary measure" to ensure that the council does not go into debt by the end of the year.

"We were concerned that SAC was spending more money than was coming in," he said. "So we said until you submit a plan that shows a balance of expenditures and income we are going to hold off transferring funds." Only money for payroll has been transferred.

Mr. Manera said this is not the first year that funds have been withheld from SAC.

"It has been done before, but never to the point of causing any hardship."

He said he expected to receive the budget from Jerry Dracz, SAC president, this week.

At press time, Feb. 7, Mr. Manera said, "I spoke to Jerry this morning and he assured me that this is their intention; that they're going to review their expenditures and their income and they're going to plan on a balanced budget.

"As soon as we have that, we'll turn over the funds. They're not going to spend any more money than they're bringing in."

Baldin wins S-H award for helping fellow man

A second year journalism student has been awarded the first Sherlock-Hemlock award in a "being nice-to-others" contest sponsored by Counselling Services this year.

Ken Baldin, 22, of Niagara Falls, was nominated by several students and chosen for the award by counsellors for stopping at a scene of an accident and assisting injured persons. While Ken assisted others, his own car was hit and received $500 damage.

"Ken's deed was an act of good citizenship, as well as an act befitting a Niagara College student," Bruce Tallon, counsellor said. "He was chosen for his good deed to his fellow man."

On the way to a hockey game at the Welland arena four weeks ago, Ken saw two cars involved in an accident on Lyons Creek Road near Welland Chemicals. Some persons were running from a damaged car on the road, while a man was walking around another car in the ditch.

Ken stopped to see if anybody needed help. A girl asked him to turn his car around and put the lights on so oncoming cars would not run into the demolished car. A car coming from behind did not see the first damaged car, ran into the second and hit Ken's car next.

Other persons nominated for the award were Dr. Anthony Goss, economics co-ordinator; Mrs. B.J. Blue, journalism instructor; Bill Hansen, second year mechanical engineering technology student, and Meleiga Perrotta and Doug Caldwell, both second year journalism students.

Ken Baldin

Got your licence?

The deadline for 1975 licence stickers is Feb. 28, so you had better hurry. The ministry of transportation says that five per cent of Ontario's car owners have not yet purchased their licence stickers.

The price of licence stickers is unchanged at $23 for a four-cylinder car, $32 for a six and $40 for an eight.

Tighter controls on pubs

Welland residents living near Niagara College have no fears of a permanent liquor licence for the college; it would actually provide "tighter controls" on pub-nites, A.S. Manera, college president, said.

The college applied Jan. 31 for a dining loung licence for the cafeteria and a lounge licence for the staff lounge in the Tecumseh Centre Annex. The decision will not be known for some time.

"Granting of our request will just eliminate the need to get a licence every time we hold a function," Mr. Manera said. "There is no intention of holding more frequent functions than in the past."

Approval granted by the Board of Governors to apply for the licences was conditional on a tightening of control over pub-nites, Mr. Manera said.

"The board conditions will authorize me as president to establish whatever controls I feel are needed."

No decision has been reached as yet as to specifically what tighter controls might mean. In any case, they will not be enforced until next year.

The lounge licence for the Tecumseh Centre is to provide for monthly "get-togethers of the board and staff" at which wine is served. Mr. Manera said there was no intention of increasing the extent of these functions.

EDITORIAL

Are we paying $35 to be ignored?

Niagara College students pay $35 to the Student Administrative Council (SAC), yet it doesn't seem to listen to student wishes or even explain its actions to the students.

If an employee does not listen to his employer he gets fired. It's that simple.

The SAC executive is responsible to the students; it is there because of the students; it is working with students' hard earned money. Yet it has rarely informed the student body of what is happening within the council and, since September, it has continuously violated the rules of the constitiution.

It fired Toi. No explanations were offered. Throughout the Feb. 5 meeting SAC executive members repeatedly ignored questions from the floor or evaded them completely with the comment, "that has nothing to do with the motion ."

One student asked the group, "Do you want a SAC?" The executive would not acknowledge her. Another student attempting to make a motion to call a second general meeting because of dissatisfaction with the first was cut off in mid-sentence by Jerry Dracz's motion to close the meeting.

This type of conduct by the executive exhibits complete disregard for the students. Their own well-being seems to take precedence in any of their actions.

Are students paying its officers to ignore them?

During the Feb. 5 meeting Dracz told the students they would vote first, then a discussion concerning the motion would be held after the votes were tallied. Casting votes first, then questioning and discussing it, seems backwards. Is a baby taught to walk before he can stand? Protests from the floor concerning this method were ignored by the executive.

With the votes counted, Dracz disregarded a bid from a student to make another motion and closed the meeting hastily. His promised discussion was not held, despite obvious student unrest.

Soon the students will have to make the decision on whether the student activity fee which finances SAC should be compulsory. If the outcome is "no", the inference is that SAC should dissolve as of September 1975.

But why wait six months before the wishes of the students are adopted? Results of the vote should be put into effect immediately. After all, the $35 activity fee covers this term of the school year. Shouldn't student wishes be granted for this term, not next September when half of the students will not be here?

Five hundred students signed a petition voicing objections to the current council. When a customer is not satisfied with a product he has bought, he exchanges it, or returns it and gets his money back.

Janina Szczepanoski

Bull Pit

By SHEILA MACMASTER

On Thursday, Jan. 23, the Board of Governors of Niagara College opened its meetings to public and press for the first time.

This was a momentous occasion. The meetings had never been open to anyone except board and college officials.

The meeting was held in Hennepin Hall. It was expected the public would take some interest in the meetings. A community college is backed mainly by the taxpayers. Since the taxpayer's money is being spent, it was thought that a great many would attend.

If you have a share in something, some interest should be taken in that thing.

Apparently the Niagara region has little, if any interest in Niagara College.

Only three people who were not press, board or college officials attended. Three people! It is an absolute disgrace that the people of this region have so little interest in how their money is being spent. That's the way it appears. If they are interested they certainly have an odd way of showing it. Niagara is right at the heart of the Niagara region. People don't have to drive miles and miles to get to the college.

Perhaps the apathetic students of this college inherit their apathy from their parents. The people of this region certainly didn't put themselves out for this meeting.

Apparently the public has much apathy towards board meetings as it does to high price rip-offs, and other such niceties in society.

All right. Sit home and watch TV. But if the board does something people don't like, just remember they weren't interested enough to attend the meetings, so they shouldn't raise a hue and cry. They had their chance.

There were no big line-ups to get in, there were no crowds, no hassles. At one college meeting this year only 15 students attended. Sounds familiar? Niagara is pervaded by "student rest."

Perhaps this is being a little tough on the public at large. There are a large number of meetings left, and many chances for the public to attend. But no one will hold their breath waiting.

Hey Jerry, I hear they're offering SAC as a business elective next year.

French 'O Canada' couldn't be found

By VICKY SCHMIDT

Trying to find the French version of O Canada led Bernie Secco on a merry chase a few weeks ago. She had to learn the words to sing or recite it to her French elective teacher, Mrs. M.D. Therrien.

The search for the national anthem led Bernie, a second year radio and TV student, to phone calls to libraries in the area, a call to CBC radio in Toronto, and a call to Montreal.

"I called CBC in Toronto. I thought they ought to know. I called all the libraries and kept calling Mrs. Therrien," Bernie said.

She called a soundhouse for films, known as Trudell Enterprises. "I couldn't get any information from them," she said.

She then called the Composers Authors Publishers Association of Canada, in Montreal. It is a large publishing house which just published the French version of O Canada. They knew she was calling from Welland and thought it only logical that she go to Toronto and pick up a copy.

"They didn't understand" her problem and kept suggesting she buy a copy in Toronto. "If you want it, you have to go out and buy it," was their reply.

"Of course, I left it to the last day, then went to the library and looked it up in the back of the Bible. I found the first verse. Then I started asking everyone I knew if they had the French version of O Canada. Everyone I asked gave me funny looks," said Bernie.

Bernie had received a copy of the French version of O Canada from Mrs. Therrien, which she promptly lost. She could not get a copy from one of her classmates, as they were all at the Barclay when her search began.

Bernie finally contacted Mrs. Therrien, and explained the difficulties she was having. She could not find a copy of the French version of O Canada anywhere.

"I told her what I had done, and she couldn't believe it!" Bernie said.

Mrs. Therrien had had difficulty obtaining a copy of the national anthem for her French class. She accidently ran across it in an old text book and had copied it out for them.

"When I told her what I'd gone through, her jaw just dropped!" Bernie said. "I told her it was hard to find and she agree with me."

"There are quite a few different versions," Bernie said, "It gets better with the newer versions. It makes a lot more sense in French than in English."

She is taking the French elective because she wants her civil service paper. "Any big radio station will require you to have your civil service paper. This just states that you've taken a government course in French. You will be considered bilingual for a job.

"I'm not a big patriot, but I like O Canada. Maybe that's why I wanted to find it."

Bernie sang O Canada in French for Mrs. Therrien and got a 4.

Dental girls conduct survey

Although 74 per cent of the families in the Niagara peninsula have regular dentists only 35 per cent have dental insurance plans.

These figures were obtained by the dental assistant students of Niagara College as part of Dental Health Week, the first week of February.

The girls telephoned people in a number of communities and asked questions about dental care.

Asked how they felt about denticare in Ontario, 73 per cent of the people said they felt it was a good idea.

Seventy-nine per cent said they would go to a dentist for dentures; 61 per cent said they agree with the government's decision to legalize denturists.

Most people said they realized that diet plays an important part in the prevention of dental disease but fewer than that said they feel they are doing a satisfactory job of cleaning their teeth and gums.

OOPS .....

It was A.S. Manera, college president, and not Dr. L.W.C. Sturgeon of the Board of Governors whose "educated guess" it was that Niagara College is unlikely to be able to offer any new programs not being offered now.

The Feb. 6 edition of the Niagara News inadvertently dropped a paragraph in an account of the Ontario government's new funding for community colleges and thus left the impression that a statement made by Mr. Manera was made by Dr. Sturgeon.

Mr. Manera said any proposals for new programs, transfers of programs, or additional third years would have to be reviewed in the context of the budget.

But his "educated guess" was: "It is extremely unlikely, if not impossible, that we'll be able to offer any programs we are not now offering."

TAX FORMS DONE FOR $4

Third year financial students are preparing income tax returns for a $4 basic rate. Students may bring statements of income and forms to the cafeteria between 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. any day of the week.

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Why Not?

The girls of graphic arts printed the last Niagara News edition. Alison Franz and Vija Francis are sen here operating a Heidelberg Offset Lithography Press. "It was nothing special. We had to do it for the course. It's so easy even a guy could do it," the girls said.

Future of business manager for next year still uncertain

SAC's first business manager is nearing the end of her first year's employment. It is still to be decided whether the position will be continued.

The business manager is a full-time employee of the Student Administrative Council and has a yearly salary of between $5,000 and $6,000.

Beth Bridgeman said renewal of her contract is between her and the new SAC. She said the council in office passed the contract last year and, "It is up to the next council to renew it."

SAC president Jerry Dracz said the retiring council will give a report to the new council on what Beth has done and what to expect from her. At press time the executive meeting to discuss the report had not yet been held.

There was controversy when Beth, last year's SAC president, was appointed first business manager.

Three days after he assumed office last spring, SAC president Toi Fountain said Beth's appointment was made by the retiring SAC executive (1973-74), and there was "nothing we could do about it."

Tom McIntosh, 1973-74 SAC treasurer, opposed any SAC member or former member being appointed to the position; he felt the full-time business manager should be an "outsider" with no previous connection with SAC

Beth said, "I had no part in it when they considered hiring me for the job. They thought I was best qualified."

Last year's outgoing SAC executive did not interview any prospects for the job.

"We were thinking of putting it in the paper, and asking people to come for interviews, and then we came to the conclusion there wasn't anyone qualified except myself," Beth said.

Last year's retiring SAC issued a statement saying the 1973-74 executive felt convinced of the need for a full-time non-student business manager "and the new SAC executive also agreed that they needed a person with the know-how of our entire situation."

It also said the position of the business manager "means that the person elected will be a full-time employee of the SAC and all activities or responsibilities carried out by the elected will be under a complete observance by the SAC. The business manager will be an advisor who co-ordinates and corresponds."

SAC manager received raise

Beth Bridgeman, business manager for Niagara College's Student Administrative Council, has got a raise.

Questioned about the size of the raise, Beth said "I don't think it's any of your business."

Beth's salary for this year was supposed to be between $5,000 and $6,000.

'Smile'

A smile may be worth a free case of beer. Barbara Fletcher from the dental assistant program came up with the idea to make a smile from Labatts Blue beer caps.

Barbara said she thought of the idea because the students had to make a display for Dental Health Week, Feb. 2 to 8. The display was to be not too juvenile and appeal to college students.

Each cap says: "Smile it's free"; "Smile it's catching"; and "Recycle a smile". It took two pub nights to save the 200 caps for the smile.

Barbara said she is going to take a picture of it and send it to Labatt's.

INTERIOR DESIGN

Money prevents third year

Although a third year should be added to the interior design program, "its's like anything else - if you don't have the money, you can't operate," A.S. Manera, Niagara College president, said.

Mr. Manera told second-year interior design students who argued that an additional year was essential to complete their training, that the major obstacle was money. The college will get about $9½ million to operate, he said, and this has to be spread over the whole school.

"We have to be fair to all the students in the college," he said. "If you try and cut corners and squeeze things, it's just a waste of time."

New regulations by interior design organizations in Canada and the United States make three years of schooling a prerequisite to become an interior designer.

A preliminary proposal has been approved by the Council of Regents, and a final proposal is being drafted. But even if the Council of Regents gives its approval, Mr. Manera thought it would be unlikely the third year could be added, at least for the time being.

"The $9½ million is not enough to let us even operate all the programs we have offered in the past," he said.

He was more optimistic about having a third year in 1976-77. He recommended the students "Put next year to good use in whatever way you can," hoping they could gain some experience in their field and then return to school.

The idea was not well met by the students. Loren Mcgee felt it would be hard to take a year off school and then return.

"Breaking your education completely has its disadvantages," she said.

Loren suggested holding an Educational Lottery to raise the necessary funds, but was told by Mr. Manera that the college was forbidden by law to run lotteries. The students are considering soliciting donations from industries to sponsor the third year themselves.

Mr. Manera estimated the cost of the course would be $30,000.

Along with 12 second-year students interested in an additional year, there are five graduates who have expressed a desire to return to Niagara.

"I agree with your concern," Mr. Manera said. "We can try, but I don't want to build up false hopes."

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More forms for students

A new form will be sent to students upon acceptance beginning next fall. It is an Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) medical insurance record.

Mrs. Marian Kerr, college nurse, explained sometimes when students visit hospitals and doctors, the Health Centre is contacted for the students' OHIP number. With the new forms, the college will have all the information.

Gets some answers on SAC book entries

The Niagara College student who asked for "more clarification" of the Student Administrative Council (SAC) books has received some answers.

Barbara Fisher, first year human relations, checked the SAC books for the second time on Feb. 7 and although some of her questions were answered, some were not, she said.

The "Miscellaneous supplies and expenses," totalling $3,574.83 for the first term, only covered pubs, she said. There were more miscellaneous entries under such things as hockey.

Barbara said that Jane Wright, SAC bookkeeper, told her the miscellaneous pub expenses were for things like jiggers, pop, ice cubes and chips.

"It's like hockey," she told Barbara. "We buy pucks, but we don't write down pucks. There are just too many items to list."

Barbara said the "Charitable Donation" of $558.90 was funded by $500 from SAC and $58.90 from a pub-nite.

She said the difference in salaries for each month was due to pay raises to Beth Bridgeman, SAC business manager, and to their secretary, plus retroactive pay to them.

Barbara was disappointed because there were no statements at the SAC house for the month of January.

"I'm surprised it would take this long to get everything from the bank. Usually banks are very quick."

She said she was "very curious to see how the SAC books stand" and would check the audit reports when they come out.

She said she was also angry at having to pay a student activity fee.

"The government lends money to students who are forced to pay activity fees," she said. "I think the public would be outraged to hear how much money is spent every year."

Dracz against Beth's job

Jerry Dracz, president of the Student Administrative Council (SAC), says he is not in favor of re-hiring Beth Bridgeman as business manager.

Beth is now receiving $125 a week plus $15 a week expenses, according to Jerry. She was not paid a full salary during the summer, but Jerry was not sure what work she did.

"All the students were on vacation or working, and when they came back, there was no orientation week, just one pub," he said. "I think the students should think about this."

Besides Beth, there are two other salaried employees not on the executive. The secretary receives $95 a week and the SAC bookkeeper gets $35 a week.

Gary Nemcko, vice-president in charge of internal affairs, said that Beth does a lot of work on pubs, such as the hiring and firing of employees.

But Jerry said last year's SAC hired a pub manager to do the same thing for $20 a week.

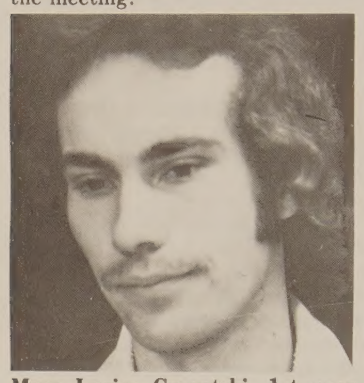
ROVING REPORTER

By VICKY SCHMIDT
and KEN BALDIN

Question: Did you go to the last SAC meeting? What was your reaction to it? to SAC? the students?

Dennis Reeves, 2nd year business administration.

I was really disappointed with it. I was on the Committee of Five and we had a petition of 500 names: out of 500 people, we had 100 nurses and about 12 people from this campus. I really appreciate their support. Student attitude was anti-nurses and pro-sports. The way the meeting was run was a rush-up job. The motions on the floor were really good motions. The discussion was out-of-hand. The procedure was terrible. They rushed the closing of the meeting.



Mary Louise Gregotski, 1st year library technician.

I thought SAC handled the meeting pretty good considering all the accusations they were accused of. I thought basically the students acted well, but the nurses that came were going out of order. They were bringing questions up on the floor that were irrelevant to the motion put on the floor. I think they should have had discussion at the end because the nurses did want to have more say. Afterwards Mr. Manera was there and most of the people had left. He said there would be a questionaire. Not everyone heard that. They should have left the meeting open. I bet they could have had another half hour of questions. Besides that I think it was handled very well considering all the hot water they were in.

Bruce Peart, 2nd year horticulture.

I thought it was very abruptly shut off. There was not enough time for discussion. The vice-president acts like he's in control of everything. He thinks he's king of the college now. I think it's all gone to his head.

Everybody tried to get SAC out of there. They were actively participating. What happened to the 500 people who signed the petition? Did they know anything about the meeting?

I think SAC was ready for it. There's lots of politics there, and a lot of athletes there. They were ready for it; we weren't.

I don't think we accomplished anything. I'm complaining about the $35 fee the satellite campuses have to pay. If students pay $3 for insurance, and $5 for taxes, the rest of the $35 could be sent back to the individual departments. We don't get anything unless we drive 15 miles to Welland. It took us half a year to get use of the gym.

Tony Dowswell, 1st year journalism.

I wasn't impressed with how they (SAC) ran the meeting. They cut off the people saying it had nothing to do with the motion. The students that were there weren't too orderly, but definitely interested. There are still not enough students interested. I thought SAC was unfair because they cut the meeting really short when things were still to be questioned.

Lynn Brown, 1st year general college.

I was kind of disgusted with the whole thing. I felt cheated when we left. We didn't get anything accomplished at all. SAC acted pretty immature if you ask me...if that's our council forget it. I couldn't understand how every time Toi made a move to say something he was cut right down. They just cut him off at the first word and I think he had a couple of interesting things to say. They didn't want him to say it. I think when most people left they were pretty mad. They had the motions and when people wanted to discuss something SAC wouldn't let the people express their views. I think we might as well have skipped the whole thing, it just wasn't worth it.

Debbie Brunton, 3rd year hotel and food management.

I thought it was quite interesting. I have no complaints about SAC. I feel sorry for the nurses. It reminds me of ourselves two years ago. We were where the nurses are now.

They feel that SAC is not doing anything for them. We work side by side with SAC. We find out what's happening. The nurses are really upset. I hope they'll be able to get over that and give something they'll find a really big difference.

The students acted in a very orderly fashion. I was kind of disappointed that 500 students signed the petition and those 500 were not there. If you believe in something you should be willing to back it up.

Marien Meehan, 1st year nursing.

I thought the council itself was not acting as a council. They were sitting up there like they were ruling the roost. They avoided answering questions and seemed not to be serving the students. There was too much arguing back and forth.

When the students didn't lose their tempers and there was constructive arguing, it was fine.

Don't let OHIP lapse

Don't let coverage of Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) lapse, Mrs. Marian Kerr, college nurse, warns.

To avoid this, Mrs. Kerr suggests always using a home address instead of residence while attending college. Lapsed OHIP could cost $60 to a $100 a day in hospital bills and it may take three months to re-obtain insurance, Mrs. Kerr said.

Family registration covers parents and unmarried children under 21 who are not employed even if the children are not living at home. Married children must be registered as a family.

Anyone working more than 20 consecutive weeks full-time and earning more than $40 a week, is considered employed and must obtain his own insurance.

Anyone with a taxable income ($2,300 to $2,500 for students), can receive temporary assistance, said Mrs. Kerr. The student can get a form from the Health Centre and pay only insurance premiums for the summer months.

If there is no taxable income, premiums assistance should be obtained from OHIP.

Exemptions for paying group insurance during summer employment should be obtained from the employer, providing the student plans to go back to school.

Where Were You?

Out of 35 students who were asked if they attended the SAC meeting a few weeks ago, only four had attended.

The students questioned were from the Simcoe Building, and some had legitimate excuses. Some students could not get rides and others had jobs, or evening classes they had to attend

Other students reported not knowing a meeting was held at all.

A total number of 500 students signed the petition for the resignation of the present executive and holding of new elections, and there were about 200 people at the SAC meeting to discuss it.

ONTARIO LOTTERY

TORONTO—Ontario is expected to have its own lottery in operation this summer. The new Ontario Lottery Corp. is to give financial assistance to approved recreation and cultural activities and will report to Robert Welch, culture and recreation minister.

(Photo by Carole Cooper)

Mystery of Fort Erie

This tree doesn't grow shoes, but somehow accumulates more year after year. People nail them on—everything from baby shoes to slippers and sandals to rubber boots. There are even pairs. No one seems to know how the tree began its celebrated history as the shoe tree, everyone just knows it's there on Point Abino Road in Fort Erie.

Even the owners of the tree don't know how it began. They say when they bought the land five years ago, there was only a "smattering" of shoes. Now there are about 100 with some lying on the ground reaching right around the tree.

Hotel-food services student wins bursary award of $200

A Niagara College student has been chosen from among 11 hotel and food schools to receive a $200 bursary and certificate.

Connie Helfrick, third year Hotel and Food Services, received the Canadian Restaurant Association Foundation Bursary Award Jan. 30 presented by Derrick Barnett, program co-ordinator, on behalf of the association.

The citation said Connie showed good leadership qualities, character, professional promise and an ability to get along with others during her two years at the college.

"It is a very good way of recognizing an outstanding student," Mr. Barnett said. "It gives encouragement and incentive."

Connie is one of the very few students who has been able to do a three-year course in two, Mr. Barnett said. She worked in local industry 30 weeks during the two summers and then submitted detailed and involved reports for which a mark was given. He said summer placement is an integral part of the course.

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Dream comes true

Austrian migrates to make home in Canada

By JOHN DUECK

A team of Niagara-on-the-Lake men have banded themselves together in an effort to produce distinctive high quality wines from locally grown French hybrid grapes by using a fermentation process with the least amount of chemicals possible.

One member of the team, Karl Kaiser, an Austrian immigrant, sat five years ago in a Welland Vale class for new Canadians, trying to learn the English language and grammar with an "inconsistent spelling" at the same time. Today he is working on his master's degree in chemistry at Brock University.

Before coming to Canada in 1969, Mr. Kaiser was content and secure in his job as an economic teacher in a community college not far from Vienna, the city of Beethoven and Mozart. Then his life, his profession, and his tradition were disrupted, not by a new Nazi movement or a world war, but by a good-looking Canadian girl.

"Hey, you guys," Mr. Kaiser said one day to his fellow teachers in Austrian dialect, "do ist ein fesches kanadisches Madchen im Ort." (there is a good-looking Canadian girl in town) "have you seen her?"

ONE CANADIAN GIRL

Of course, everybody had. There was only one Canadian girl in the whole town of 5,000. Mr. Kaiser found out that her name was Silvia and that she was from St. Catharines, Ont.

Silvia was staying with her grandfather, a vintner where teachers from the near-by college went for a snack and a good glass of wine in the evening. Mr. Kaiser went there more often than he had ever before. Within a year Silvia said "Yes, I do," and Karl said "Ja, ich will". Both decided to remain at their jobs in Austria.

Silvia had finished high school in the St. Catharines Collegiate, took a secretarial course, and then went to work for MacGraw-Hill World Publishers in Austria.

"Of course, there was physical attraction," Mr. Kaiser said in an interview. "But the fact she was Canadian played a great role in my interest in her. I had read history books about Canada, about the vastness of the country and the early explorers. From those books I found Canada very fascinating and interesting. Silvia was just as fascinating and interesting."

COMPARES CANADA

Two years later, at Silvia's birthday, they discussed how life would be on the endless stretches of Canadian land compared to 200 miles in any direction in Austria.

"It would be a change," Mr. Kaiser said, "and might turn out very interesting."

Silvia telephoned her parents that same night.

"Hi, Mom! Guess what? We want to come to Canada."

"That will be marvellous! When will you come?"

"As soon as our papers are ready."

That was all there was to it.

After arriving in Canada, Mr. Kaiser held a variety of summer jobs while studying for his degrees. They included laborer, gas station attendant, carpenter's helper, and mechanical work in an equipment shop.

IMPRESSED BY GRAPES

Mr. Kaiser said he was impressed by the potential to grow grapes in the area. First it was a hobby. Then he got more and more involved with it. Now it is a small industry.

Mr. Kaiser said he is particularly thankful to the Ontario government for a school such as Welland Vale for New Canadians and for the help he received from Mrs. Elizabeth Simpson, who taught him the basics of English.

Within five months he achieved a reading comprehension on a Grade 12 level, and spelling on a Grade 11 level.

Without these five months in Welland Vale I would not have made it at Brock," Mr. Kaiser said.

Two pubs left?

There may be only one or two more pubs this term for Niagara students.

This is "only speculation," but it is a possible result of Student Administrative Council (SAC) financial problems, A.S. Manera, college president, said.

"The thing is they've got to balance their budget; how they do it is their business."

He doubted that SAC could "afford more than one or two pubs this term."

But the executive might decide to continue pubs and cut down somewhere else.

"Pubs have been losing money, you know," he added.

A practical experience

Seminar organized

Social service students at Niagara College are planning and arranging a seminar on "Reality Therapy", which they hope will be attended by 100 persons, to give them a "Practical experience which otherwise wouldn't be possible.

Stella Wigzell, one of the five chairmen of the project, also said the seminar should "add credence to the program and to social workers in the community."

All the arrangements and timetabling have been done by the 16 second year students. The timetable for the seminar, to be held March 5 at Trinity United Church Hall in Thorold, includes lectures, discussion groups and a luncheon.

Leonard M. Zunin, M.D., well-known lecturer and author, will speak to social service students and members of various social agencies throughout the community.

"Reality Therapy is a treatment approach dealing with people's problems as they are now, rather than delving into past history," said Joan Purney, who is also a chairman.

Murdoch Keith, co-ordinator of the social services program, had been letting the students plan seminars on paper for the last two years, but he and the students decided to do a real seminar on their own.

"They've found it's a lot of work," he said.

That feeling was echoed by the students.

"At times we felt it would have been easier to do the project on paper," said Joan, but she quickly added that the students are really looking forward to the seminar.

Close to two-thirds of the people necessary to raise the $2,000 seminar expenses have registered. Second year and first year students who attend the seminar are charged $10, and members of community social agencies pay $17.50.

The $2,000 includes a $1,000 fee to Dr. Zunin, plane fare and accommodations, hall rental and the luncheon.

Community involvement is very important to the project. When the idea began in October, students had three proposed topics and contacted community social agencies to decide which one would be chose. The agencies also chose the group leaders. Bruce Tallon, a college counsellor, is one of 11 group leaders.

Although the seminar is a project of a college program and Mr.Tallon is involved, the students have received no funds from Niagara, Stella said.

One of the major problems of the project has been advertising. Ian Rose, a chairman in charge of publicity, said all the students have worked extremely hard, but felt it would pay off since the seminar would "set a higher goal and trend for future social service classes."

Ian also liked the practical aspects of the project, and said the seminar "lives up to the idea of a community college - going out into the community."

Tour and learn in Great Britain

A unique course is being offered to the students of Niagara College which will allow them to travel to England for three weeks and receive credits towards their diplomas.

The excursion, billed as a travel and learn trip, is sponsored by Niagara in co-operation with Mohawk College. A series of lectures begins in early April, ending with the three-week trip May 1 to 22.

Ed Wilson, program co-ordinator of the General College program and tour leader for Niagara, said there are four options open to the traveller. He said anyone just wanting to tour England can take a two-week trip for $458 or the three-week trip for $510. Anyone wanting the travel and learn tour pays $529 to study one course in England and $555 for two. The courses offered are English Theatre and England's Unique History.

Mr. Wilson emphasized that at today's travel prices the trip is a bargain.

He said the tour includes return 747 jet fare from Toronto, transfers, and accommodation with breakfast at a London hotel. The hotel is located a few walking minutes from the British Museum and the University of London.

There is also a cruise on the River Thames to the Tower of London and a bus trip to Stratford-on-Avon and a Shakespearean play at the theatre. Train trips go through the countryside of Oxfordshire and Somerset to the ancient Roman city of Bath and through Kent to Canterbury. There will also be visits to Oxford University and Windsor Castle.

The travellers also have an evening at a theatre of their choice.

A $50 deposit is required by Feb. 25 to ensure a seat on the trip, Mr. Wilson said.

He said further information can be obtained by calling him at Ext 261, or the Extension Division, School of Applied Arts, at Ext 219.

Sugarless food bake sale hit

Food can taste good without tooth decaying sugar, as dental assistant students proved Feb. 6, when they sold $40 worth of sugarless baked goods.

The girls said that people on diets really liked the idea and just about everthing on the four tables sold. Popcorn and nuts and bolts were the favorites of the day.

Bilingualism issues topic at seminar

Phil Killeen thinks "most people don't give a damn" about French in Canada and those are the people he is trying to impress.

About 40 social service students met on Feb. 3 to discuss bilingualism, Quebec independence, multi-culturalism, Bill 22 and Quebec's uniqueness as a province.

The seminar is a project of the Canadian Association of Social Service Course Directors and is organized by Phil Killeen and Louis Deschambault. They received a $6,000 federal grant to travel across Canada and talk to college students about the "the relationship between the French and English in Canada." Mr. Killeen, an instructor at Algonquin College, said student participation so far has been "very good."

Students split into two groups and sat on the floor discussing at random the several topics written on the board.

In addition to seminars in community colleges there will be a week-long seminar in September for 40 students. It will also be funded by the federal government and students will be choosen from the colleges visited throughout the year. The site of the seminar has not been chosen.

Discussion revolved around "French in Ontario" early in the seminar. Most students agreed that French should be taught in primary schools staring at grade one.

"Since Canada is supposedly bilingual everyone should make an effort to learn and use both official languages," one student said.

Students also agreed that Quebec is a unique province with its own special culture but they disagreed with Bill 22, a provincial bill which designates French as the official language. One student called the bill "unfair" and "against the BNA act."

Other opinions sided with Quebecers. One person asked, "Why should they speak English in Quebec when we don't speak French in Ontario?"

Mr. Killeen said he feels the subject of French in Canada is an important one. "Most people don't give a damn and they are the ones we're trying to impress."

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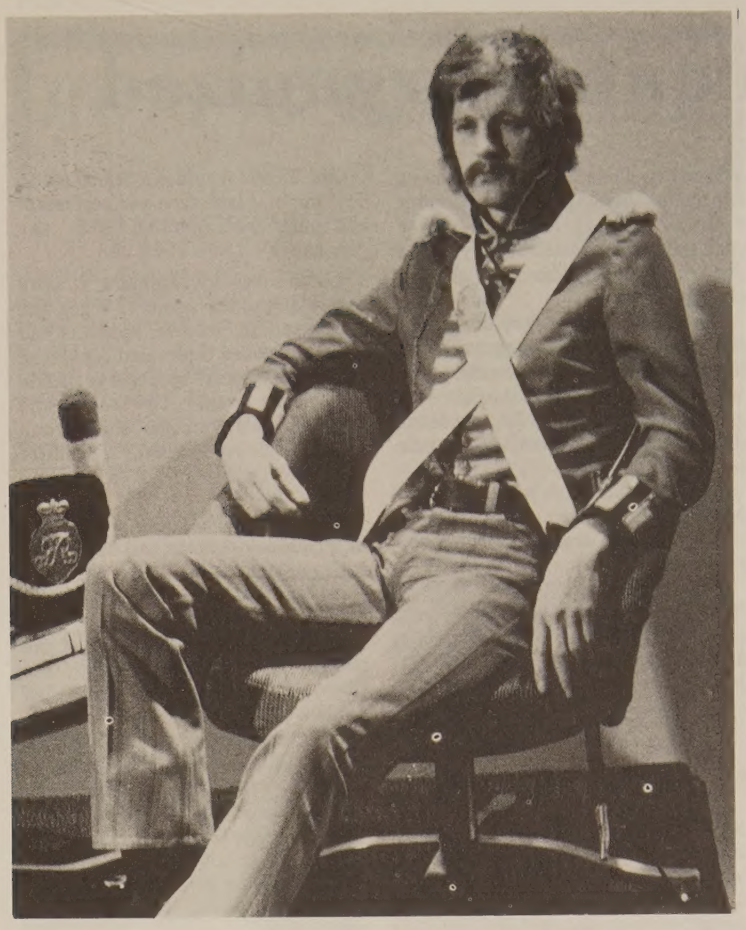

GREEN PLAYS BROCK

General Sir Isaac Brock (Brian Green, English instructor) is interviewed by Drew Kinner, first year Radio and Television student. The television production, modelled on Patrick Watson's Global TV show "Witness to Yesterday," was put together by first year radio and television students.

Two Pubs make profit

At least two of the Niagara College Pub-Nites this term made a profit.

Jerry Dracz, Student Administrative Council (SAC) president, made pub-nite financial reports available to the Niagara News.

Most recent reports available show the Jan. 30 pub-nite made a profit of $277.70, and the Feb. 6 pub, $128.48.

This is a copy of the Feb. 6 financial report.

EXPENDITURES:		
Band - Hesperus	$ 300.00	
Liquor Licence - No. S245501	15.00	
Beverage: Beer and Ale	479.50	
Liquor:		
Pop:		
Orange juice		
Ice: Cubed and Crushed	22.50	
Employees	110.00	
Cups: 14 oz. and 7 oz.	66.45	
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DEPOSITS:		
Cash Registers and Door	$1115.43	
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New awards total $700

Three new student awards totalling $700 are being offered this year. Mrs. M.E. Patterson, awards officer said, all awards are to be applied to third year tuition for students now in second year.

Two Bell Canada Awards, worth $250 each, are open to the whole school and are based on marks.

The IBM Technology Award, worth $200, is for an electronic and related technology program student, who achieves high marks.

This year's award winners will not be decided until April. Awards will be based on this year's academic standing.

The definition of outstanding students varies from program to program, Mrs. Patterson said. A lot of it is objective. Donors of the awards set the criteria and "we have to do our best to fulfil it."

Last year there were 51 undergraduate awards and 42 graduate award winners. In the undergraduate awards were 14 from business, 16 from technology and 21 from applied arts. There were 29 graduate awards from applied arts, seven from business and six from technology.

Mrs. Patterson said she "anticipates there will be as many if not more in this academic year."

Every household may have one—a solar unit

By JENNEY VINNICK

Solar energy is a feasible means of home heating and future households may own individual solar heating units at a cost "not a whole lot more than the family car."

So said Dr. W.R. Stuart, dean of applied science and technology, after returning from an Ottawa conference attended by 400 experts from several countries.

"This is the first time I've seen scientists and engineers really concerned with social values," Dr. Stuart said, "because technology assessment requires them to consider such values."

Technology and growth was the theme, introducing Technology Assessments, which predict the impact of technology on the social and bioliogical environment, Dr. Stuart said.

Nuclear energy, these scientists claimed, is being used more and more and there are laws which require an environmental impact study to be made by specialists before installation begins. But, they said, users of energy are more interested in increases rather than tackling nuclear waste problems.

Dr. Stuart said he found solar energy "very interesting" and that progress is being made with new infra-red absorption techniques which are considered a real breakthrough.

"It should be practical and efficient to heat houses even in cities as far north as Toronto and Ottawa—and with similar cloud covers," Dr. Stuart said. "The cost of individual solar heating units should not be a whole lot more than the family car."

Another alternative suggested at the meeting was wind power on a small individual domestic scale. It would take a $6,000 to $8,000 investment but in the long run would work out because wind power is free. Dr. Stuart said ways to store this power are being developed.

He said it would be conceivable for the men not building any more automobiles to build these units.

Asked if what was discussed was careful expansion for the future, Dr. Stuart said "This is the way we have to go. Nobody wants to shut off technology; housewives don't want to give up soap or washing machines or refrigerators but we have to look at alternatives for energy. Technology Assessment may be a new field for the college to look into."

Niagara students help teach dental health in community

Snacking without sweets was the theme of a display set up in the Pen Centre in collaboration with Dental Hygiene Week Feb. 2 to 8.

A dentist, three dental hygienists and two Niagara College dental assistant students were present at the display in the Pen Centre, Feb. 7, 8, and 9. "We are here to promote preventive dentistry and answer questions anybody may have," Dr. James Nicol, a Thorold dentist said.

Sugar is the main ingredient causing tooth decay, a dental hygienist said. Ideally there should be no snacks, but if one must, substitute foods containing artificial sweeteners for the regular sweet, sugary snacks.

Potato chips and popcorn can be substitued for chocolate bars, diet drinks for regular soft drinks, and sugarless gum in place of the regular variety.

Dr. Nicol described sugarless gum as a "detergent food." Chewing it stimulates the saliva, which is a natural cleansing agent, but he cautioned that he was not advocating its use.

The display exhibited homemade sugarless, snack food, as well as brand name products which would make nutritious, sensible snacks.

Similar displays were set up at the Fairview Mall in St. Catharines and the Grimsby Library.

Niagara College dental assistants take part in Pen Centre demonstration.

In an attempt to include the community, school children in the area designed, drew and painted posters dealing with dental care and prevention.

After all that.... I'm no bird

By CAROLE COOPER

If the birds can fly...so can I.

I was taking that big step-my first airplane flight.

To think, that little single engine plane is going to taxi down the runway, slowly rise off the ground with two people in it and just go through the air, you've got to be kidding.

The first thing is to figure out how to get into the thing. Step on the wing, pull back the canopy, kick up the seat and step down into the plane.

Calmly sitting there, waiting for the pilot, when suddenly the wheel jumps out at me and the foot pedals start to move. Is it the plane or me? No, it's the pilot testing the controls.

Strapped in, ready to go, I feel comforted when I discover the plane is not equipped with parachutes but with vomit bags.

The plane is noisy enough, when the engine begins, then I hear, "auci 1 theioa boa bnd." I try to pretend I don't hear it, assuming it's heaven telling me my days are over. But the pilot answers "Charlie Hotel X-ray."

What kind of language is that? It's radio language,--words instead of the initials CHX. They are used so the message isn't misunderstood through the radio static.

Why did the plane suddenly drop 10,000 feet in two seconds I ask gripping the seat. The pilot explains we dropped only a few feet because of air pockets.

When the canopy opened to take pictures, it's a lot cooler, but very windy. Talking is impossible and breathing is nearly so.

Looking down on Welland, I see cows as specks, swimming -pools as puddles and ships in Lake Erie no bigger than toys in a tub.

In the distance I see...what? Is that Niagara College? Those three little boxes? It doesn't look as if it could hold all those people.

It's time to land and I'm sure we're going to end up in the Welland River. We made it over that. But at the speed the plane is descending, I'm sure we'll end up in the runway knocking off the raccoon which is sitting on it.

One little bump...we are safely on the ground again. Thank goodness.

I'm happy that the birds can get around so easily in the air. Me? I'll drive or walk or thumb or...

Ottawa—On Guard!
Niagara Students Tour

Photos and story by Doug Caldwell

Sir Wilfrid Laurier

Learning and fun

A busy schedule of tours, sightseeing, shopping and partying filled three days of non-stop enjoyment for 35 Niagara College students. Law and security, government operations, and journalism students toured Ottawa for three days during the winter break.

Three instructors conducting the visit were Dave Michener, Bruce Milligan and Gene Maltais. They guided the students on where to visit and what tours to take during the day.

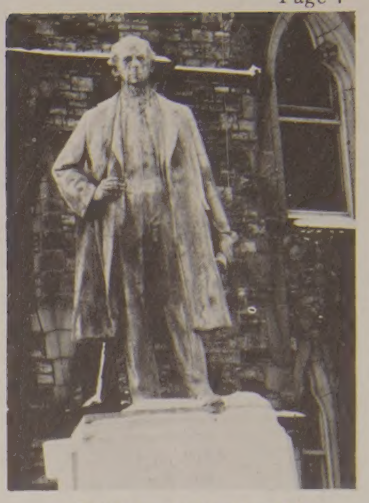
The group arrived in Hull, Que., at 5.30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, and were home by 9 p.m. that Saturday.

The tour consisted of sitting in on House of Commons debates, a tour of the Parliament Buildings, and a guided tour of the Canadian War Museum by Hugh Halliday, a former instructor at Niagara College, and a bus tour of Ottawa.

Free time was spent during the afternoons with visits to the National Art Gallery and National Museum of Science and Technology.

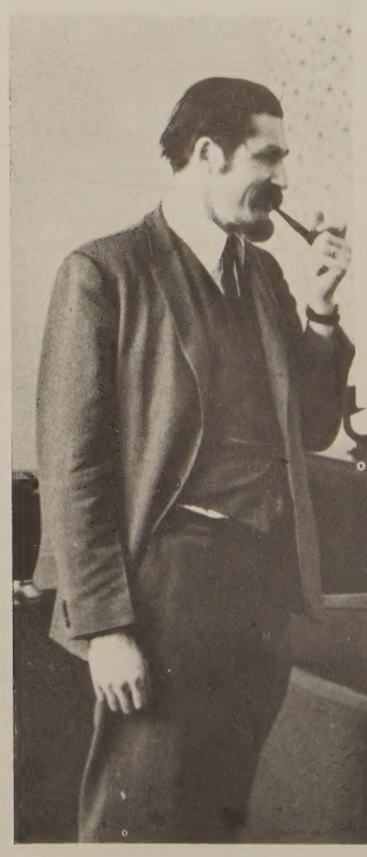
The Peace Tower clock tolled inexorably onward for Niagara College students on a three-day tour of the nation's capital. Among highlights of the trip were House ofCommons debates Thursday and Friday, Feb. 13 and 14. Below, Hugh Halliday, curator of the National War 'Museum and former Canadian Studies Specialist at Niagara College, chats with two of the students who visited the museum as part of the Ottawa tour. Three instructors and 35 students went on the trip.

Four first year journalism students (left to right) Bev Delaney, Rob Potter, Cindy McKenna and Dave Kindy, take a lunch break in the cafeteria of the House of Commons during the Canadian Studies tour of Ottawa.



Sir John A. MacDonald

Terry Campbell, first year law and security student, was the only casualty of the trip. She contracted the flu and was confined to bed.



What OPUS: a piece of work is man!

By DOUG VOLLETT

It is easy to be apprehensive and suspicious of a play that proposes to trace in light, sound and movement "man's development from the amoeba to his extinction from the planet."

The Niagara College Theatre Centre production Opus Feb. 12 to 15 transcended most biases and was beautiful and splendidly visual, though exhausting and sometimes uncomfortable.

The production was conceived by theatre instructors David Staples, Darcy McHale and Norah Morgan. Formed of music, light, movement and surprise, it was based on certain paintings and moods that contain a common theme of ritual and sacifice.

Many scenes soothed while showing people playing and happy together, then disturbed with contrasts of death and war.

The opening scene was stark black and white with purple floodlights. An infamous, blown-up illustration of a Vietnamese being shot in a street in Saigon loomed in the background. An explosion like rifle fire echoed backstage.

The amoeba scene showed two people pulsating rhythmically in a cloth bag. They leave the bag transformed into Adam and Eve.

Next primitive man discovered, first society, then war. This scene included frightening mock attacks directed at the audience.

A lyrical scene followed in which a ritual sacrifice is performed while Leonard Cohen's, "Priests" is sung by Judy Collins.

Tension and awe reached a peak in the crucifixion scene, a scene which began calmly but accelerated quickly. The music was reminiscent of high mass while performers wandered about in a trance-like state. Christ stood submissively in the centre dressed in white robes. He was stripped, beaten, spat upon, degraded and ritually crucified on a spinning wooden cross suspended several feet in the air.

Because this scene was so exhausting, the following scenes lost much impact. Many of them were good, especially the automation scene and another in which a Salvado Dali painting was used as a backdrop.

A cast of 18 performed well and effectively. The choreography was well-timed.

Loud music ranging from Bach to Pink Floyd came from six speakers situated throughout the theatre.

Lighting seemed to envelop and surround while creating "super" visual and mood effects.

The play treats with intelligence and sensitivity a delicate theme; stated by Mr. Staples as, "Man's potential to love and trust instead of substituting superstition."

This type of theatre, though seldom seen, can be beautiful and powerful. Mixed feelings about Opus are to be expected; this was a production which people had to see for themselves.

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Student SAC meeting leaves many questions

Some questions were raised by the general meeting of students in the cafeteria Feb. 5:

1. If 500 students signed a petition asking for 1. the "Immediate removal of the executive members of the current Student Administrative Council (SAC)," and 2. "a general meeting of the student body be held for the election of new officers," why were these not the motions brought to the meeting by the Committee of Five, organizers of the petition?
2. Why did the SAC president, also chairman of the meeting, promise discussion after a vote and then abruptly adjourn the meeting without the discussion?
3. Why were the students allowed little general discussion concerning the role and functions of SAC? Where, in the constitution, does it prohibit general discussion? Advance notice of the meeting had stated its "general nature" as "re: election."

Motion to remove SAC fails

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Students were asked to vote on the motion and Dracz read the results of 89 for, 49 against and 11 abstentions. He announced the motion had been defeated.

"Defeated? How could it be defeated? someone from the audience asked. Discussion about the vote began among the students and Toi Fountain, former SAC president, asked Dracz if he could explain voting procedure.

"The motion was introduced as an amendment to the constitution and you need a two-thirds majority for that," he said.

The second motion, read by Kakuk, asked that nominations be made the week of Feb. 10 and campaigning begin the week of Feb. 17 with elections on Feb 24. The new executive was to take office on Feb. 28.

"We circulated a petition around the schools because there was a lot of unrest," John Kakuk said.

Several people lined up at the microphone to discuss the motion. A second-year journalism student asked why they were voting for a new election, for any election at all?"

WHY PAY $35

"There is no need for a SAC in a community college situation," she said. "Why are you paying $35 a year?" She asked Dracz if she could bring a motion to the floor and was refused since there was one yet to be voted on.

Nursing and horticulture students expressed dissatisfaction with SAC and with their isolation from the main campus.

A hotel and food management student, said, "We have a representative here every Tuesday night (at SAC mettings) and if you weren't so apathetic you'd know what was going on."

The rest of the argument was drowned out as the crowd booed. Harold Ball, Committee of Five member, stood and asked for quiet.

"Could we vote for the motion on the floor and continue the discussion afterward?" he asked.

A voice from the crowd shouted what was the point of discussing the motion after it was passed.

"I mean discussion that does not pertain to the motion now on the floor," Ball said.

Jerry, as chairman, prescribed vote first and further discussion aterwards.

103 FOR, 57 AGAINST

The results of the vote were 103 for, 57 against and 15 abstentions. Again the vote was defeated because of lack of a two-thirds majority.

It had all been an experience proving that there was less apathy among Niagara students than many people believed.

"It's been a good experience for everyone, I hope a learning experience for everyone," he said.

The chairman called for a mover and seconder for adjournment of the meeting and declared the meeting adjourned while students were still moving towards the microphone to speak. One girl found the microphone dead. another student said to the chairman, "What happened to that discussion?"

We can't have a discussion; we have to abide by the constitution," Jerry said.

After the adjournment, Jerry returned to the microphone to announce that Mr. Manera would conduct a survey within a few weeks asking whether the students did, or did not, want an activity fee.

SURVEY

The question of whether student activity fees should be compulsory is a complex one and no student should answer the questionnaire without careful thought about everything involved.

The Niagara News hopes to provide a forum for complete discussion of the question and a realistic appraisal of the alternatives. For instance, how is a Student Administrative Council to function without knowing how much money it will have? What would become of athletics, of pub-nites, of student activities, of any attempt to stimulate student rapport at Niagara?

Only students may vote on the questionnaire, but everyone may express an opinion and we invite students, faculty, staff to write to us. The Niagara News hopes to print a representative cross-section of opinion.

Stu Black

By CHRISTA KIRKEY

After being in the broadcasting business for 15 years, Stu Black was "looking for a new challenge", so he came to Niagara College to teach radio.

Born in Scotland 33 years ago, Stu has been a lot of places and done a lot of things, but never lost track of his goal--being a radio announcer.

"Radio is fun. It's putting ideas to work and communicating with people, and it is very seldom routine.."

Stu started his career in television at CHCH in Hamilton and since then has worked at CFTV, Cambridge; CFOR, Orillia; CJOY, Guelph, and CJRN, Niagara Falls, to mention a few.

"I got into television on the bottom floor and worked my way up. You might say that I was self-taught. I enjoyed television, but my goal was radio and I always kept that in mind. I was always playing with a tape recorder in my spare time."

Asked how he felt about the college, after working here three weeks, he said, "I like it. And once I learn how to use all of the equipment in the Hamilton Room, I'll really enjoy it."

Hockey Knights remain 3rd

By KEN BALDIN

Niagara College's hockey Knight's remain precariously perched in third place after losing a weekend game to St. Clair College in Windsor, 11-4, Feb. 8.

The hockey Knights are tied for the third and last playoff spot with Conestoga but have a game in hand and a 28-goal edge in total goals scored.

If the tie lasts to the end of the regular season the berth will go to the Knights but they would like to insure the spot with a win in their two remaining games.

In their game against St. Clair, Niagara allowed a fast-skating, good passing team to get the jump on them early in the period.

With 28 seconds gone, St. Clair's Phil Tessier opened the scoring.

Niagara's bid to contain the Saints came in a goal at 5:07 by Gary Nemcko who broke into the clear after receiving a pass from Darte Miller.

Three more unanswered St. Clair goals finished the scoring for the first period.

Gary Nemcko got his second goal of the game at 9:02 of the second but only after St. Clair had put in two.

Rick Bacon was allowed to walk right in on Knight's goalie Ed Sherwood making it 7-2 and, shortly afterward, John Fillion was put in to watch the Niagara net.

Frank Buonocore and Vic Favot scored for the Knights in the third period with Favot and Nemcko getting assists, but their tallies only changed their own personal scoring records.

Next game for the Knights is Feb. 22 when they play Fanshawe College at the Welland Arena. It will be the last game of the regular season. Game time will be 8:15 p.m.

College basketball in 3rd place

Niagara's basketball Knights lost to St. Clair Saints 97-76 Feb. 8 but still hold third place.

One win would clinch third spot for the Knights and Coach Peter Rylander feels it is going to be decided with the Knights' last game of the season Feb. 22 against Fanshawe.

At the beginning of the game Niagara netted six points before St. Clair found the mark and three minutes had passed before St. Clair got on the scoreboard.

St. Clair then got their momentum and took the lead for the rest of the game by the seven-minute mark of the first half.

Niagara's attack was stifled for the remainder of the first half as the half-time score 62-31 in St. Clair's favor indicated.

The second half saw some good defensive play by the Knights. Bob Blasko foiled two attempts by a St. Clair player, jump-blocking his shots both times.

The Knights' zone defence jelled for a time in the second half to get them within 18 points of the Saints, but that was the closest they could come.

St. Clair's accurate shooting took its toll on the Knights' defence and increased their lead to 21 points by the game's end.

Scoring forces for the Knights were Bob Blasko, bagging 27 points and Mike Soucie getting 20.

Rick Ludlow and Rudy Barrell got 12 and 10 respectively.

Next home game is Feb. 22 against Fanshawe in the Mackenzie Building gym at 4 p.m.

College nurses angry with SAC finances

A discussion on the state of SAC finances and the nursing budget turned into a vocal tug of war at the general meeting of the student body Feb. 5.

Both nursing students and horticulture students stated that money spent on sports is unfair since so few students participate. The discussion and the meeting ended abruptly, and in a shouting match.

Discussing the $25,000 spent on sports annually, Karen Dodick , a nursing student from St. Catharines campus, informed the executive, "We don't even have a basketball!"

She also spoke of the $5,400 budget the nurses have been awarded, but are still waiting to receive, and said, "We had to fight for that money, and it wasn't even half of what we paid (in student activity fees), not like some people who are interested in sports and get it for nothing. We at least deserve a basketball!"

Several accusations were made concerning SAC being incompetent, and at one point, Rick Ludlow said. "That's slander!"

Jean Hatch, a nursing student from Niagara Falls campus, said, "When you're an executive, you function like one."

She listed several instances in which she felt SAC had failed to meet its responsibilities, then pointed to the council, and shouted "Is that an executive council?"

There was applause and shouting from the crowd.

On pub-night and their finances, Karen Dodick stated, "It says right in the school newspaper, that there was a $6,000 loss at pubs last year. Now all of a sudden you make a profit at last week's pub. How come?"

Rick Ludlow answered that the price of beer had been increased from 50 cents to 60 cents, and SAC had cut down from 40 employees to eight.

Karen said, "We were promised transportation to pubs, we got it once."

When one student from the crowd shouted, "Well, you got here tonight all right, didn't you?", she answered, "We paid for the bus to get here out of our own pockets, and we shouldn't have had to!"

One horticulture student went to the microphone to say that horticulture students "hadn't heard about this little get together until yesterday afternoon."

Rick Ludlow answered, "We did try to notify the satellites. Your campus didn't return our call."

ULCER CAUSE

Ulcers are often caused by mountain climbing over mole hills.

Mont Garceau the destination

Mont Garceau, 70 miles east of Montreal, is the destination of the Ski Club for its March trip.

Mike Gulas, club president, said the group enjoyed the resort the last time and asked to go back again. Mike said snow will be guaranteed for the March 6-9 weekend.

The trip will cost each person $70. The price includes round-trip bus transportation to the Quebec resort, two meals a day, hotel accommodation, and ski lifts. Equipment rentals are extra.

There are 78 seats but only 56 remain open. To ensure a seat for the trip Mike said a $25 deposit must be made as soon as possible. He said they will be accepted at the SAC house.

Student counselling still free

Personal counselling for any problem, including the age-old problems of love is available at the college at no cost to students.

"Most students are unaware of personal counselling services," Bruce Tallon, counsellor, said. "Those students who do come for counselling have a willingness and a maturity to admit that there are certain points in their life where they do not find the insight they need to handle problems or situations they find themselves in."

Counselling is done on four assumptions, Mr.Tallon said.

1. When a person is willing to change, people around him are also required to change their perception of him.
2. Nobody can force another person to change. A person must change on his own and be ready to change.
3. A person cannot force personal change by wanting to change. At the moment he stops forcing a change in his lifestyle, his is ready to change.
4. Each time a person finds himself in a position of change or personal growth, this change will bring some degree of suffering or anxiety to him.

Problems brought to his attention are sometimes similar to those that he faced at one time or that he still faces, Mr. Tallon said. They include problems with family environment, being unhappy, problems with social relations, such as with boy-friend or girl-friend, inability to meet others, loneliness, aloneness, and also marital problems on occasions.

Students are also unaware of what counselling is all about, Mr. Tallon said. Usually they think the counsellor can change them. Actually they are responsible for their own changes.

"Students are counselled that they are not alone in their loneliness," Mr. Tallon said. "They are shown how to look at themselves in a more objective way and then make their own decisions on what they see."